

STATEWIDE PLANNING e-NEWS

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We're Here to Help

One of the central missions of the Statewide Planning Program is to enable cities and towns to create great communities. The staff of the Statewide Planning Program is here to help, with everything from document review to data gathering, fact checking to facilitation. Our staff has expertise in a variety of topics, including GIS and mapping, public participation, data analysis, redevelopment planning and urban design. If you think your community could benefit from the assistance of the Statewide Planning Program, contact Jared Rhodes at 222-5772 or

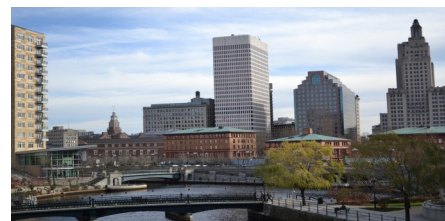
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www.preservation.ri.gov/conference

The conference program will be available and registration will open in March 2013.

Governor Chafee Joins Consortium for Release of Economic Development and Equity Reports

Governor Lincoln D. Chafee joined the Sustainable Communities Consortium on Wednesday, February 20 at the State House for the presentation of reports on equity demographics and economic development data in Rhode Island.



Victor Rubin and Danielle Bergstrom of PolicyLink, a national research and action institute, presented the Equity Profile of Rhode Island, an analysis of demographic, economic, educational, and health data. According to the report, Rhode Island has diversified rapidly over the past thirty years. It projects that by 2040 people of color will comprise 41 percent of the state's population. But even as the state becomes more diverse, significant disparities in income, educational attainment, and health exist between people of color and whites.

The Rhode Island Economic Development Data Analysis and Assessment, presented by Rich Overmoyer of Fourth Economy Consulting, is a study of Rhode Island's economic assets, opportunities, challenges, including its business climate, financial resources, and industry clusters; it also offers guidance for the state as it begins to create a new economic development plan. Key among the report's findings, is that Rhode Island has substantial economic, social, and cultural assets which it should build upon to strengthen its economy.

Both the Equity Profile and the Economic Development Data Analysis and Assessment will be important resources for the Consortium as it moves into the active planning phase of the Sustainable Communities project.

To view and download the full reports visit: <http://www.planning.ri.gov/misc/communities/sustainable.html>

Division of Planning Committee Meetings

Technical Committee

Scheduled for March 1, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building; Department of Administration; One Capitol Hill; Providence.

State Planning Council

Scheduled for March 7, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building; Department of Administration; One Capitol Hill; Providence.

Transportation Advisory Committee

Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building; Department of Administration; One Capitol Hill; Providence. March 28, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.



Community Profiles: The New Online Tool for Census and Other Data in Rhode Island



In February, Providence Plan publically launched the Community Profiles (profiles.provplan.org), a multi-year effort to make it easy to find hundreds of data points about Rhode Island cities and towns. Visitors to the website can look up data on demographics, education, economy, health, housing, and transportation by municipality and even by Census tract. Data on the environment and public safety will be available shortly. Community Profiles also allows you to map the data and see bar charts that compare cities and towns to one another. If you are interested in a presentation or demonstration of the Community Profiles in your workplace or classroom, please contact Jim Lucht at 401.455.8880 x215 or jlucht@provplan.org.

National Association of Conservation Districts Elects 2013 Leadership Team

**Including Dick Went of the Rhode Island Association of
Conservation Districts as Secretary Treasurer**

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) recently announced its new Officer Team for the years 2013-2014 during the 2013 NACD Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Dick Went, President of the Rhode Island Association of Conservation Districts was elected as Secretary/Treasurer of the National Association of Conservation Districts. He has also served in a variety of state-level positions including Board Member of the Northern RI Conservation District, Board Member of the Rhode Island Conservators Organization, Board Member of the Rhode Island Envirothon, and member of the NRCS State Technical Committee. Dick plays an active role in several conservation organizations including a board member and policy chair of the RI Forest Conservator's Organization which is dedicated to the protection and wise use of RI's Woodland resources; fiscal advisor to the RI Ag Partnership which is advancing agriculture in RI; committee member and contributor to the Covert's project which is a major wildlife instructional program to private landowners; voting member of the RI Farm, Forest and Open Space Committee; and member of the RI Raised Livestock Association. Congratulations to Dick.

University of Rhode Island Training and Workshops

EARN CEUs or a Certificate! Registration cost for each module: \$99 [Registration form](#)

National Domestic
Preparedness Coalition



AND In PARTNERSHIP with NATIONAL DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS COALITION <http://www.ndpci.us/>

URI students who complete a Homeland Security and Terrorism Studies Certificate can apply for one of two nationally recognized certificates offered by NDPC.

- Certified Homeland Protection Professional (CHPP) certificate for participants with no first responder experience, or
- Certified Homeland Protection Associate (CHPA) certificate for participants with first responder experience.

[Recent newspaper article about NDPC](#)

To earn CEUs: Choose any module, under any class topic and earn 1 CEU for each module completed.

To earn a Certificate:

Complete thirteen modules plus **one** module from the five module choices that requires the development of a plan or proposal.

If participants can provide prior earned CEUs and/or certificates of completion for topics that align with any of our modules, then we will evaluate it for credit towards the completion of a Homeland Security and Terrorism Studies Certificate.

All modules are online!

- 29 modules of information to choose from.
- Each completed module earns 1 CEU.
- Complete 14 modules- earn a Certificate.
- CHOOSE what you want to learn about
- Learning is self-paced.
- Earn an additional certificate from our partnership with the National Domestic Preparedness Coalition.
- Content provides a global perspective to support to immediate, real-world applications.
- Interact with an expert instructor within each module.

See our webpage: http://www.uri.edu/prov/certificate_noncredit/certificate/homelandsecurity/overview.html

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University of Rhode Island Training and Workshops cont'd

1. Using ArcGIS.com: Maps and Geographic Data on the Web — Dates: March 14, 2013; 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Registration Fee : \$100

Summary: This is a half-day training program that will introduce you to ESRI's FREE online mapping applications available at ArcGIS.com and give you the tools to access the volumes of data being served from RIGIS which are easily accessible in this interface.

- Explore ready to use map services from RIGIS and others (hundreds of maps!)
- Query existing data
- Build your own maps using readily available data from RIGIS and other sources
- Create your own data (import: .csv, .txt, addresses, .gpx, heads-up digitizing)
- Share your maps via e-mail, Facebook, Twitter or embed the code into your own website

ArcGIS Online, services developed by ESRI® that allow users to upload, download, and create data. Users may choose to make their map data public or limit access by using groups.

Requirements: This course is intended for those interested in working with geographic data and requires only a modest level of technical skill. ***No prior GIS knowledge is necessary!***

Participants will: Create a customized ArcGIS Online map. Become comfortable with the ArcGIS.com interface
Learn to access the RIGIS ArcGIS Server maps

- Use tools to create layers on your custom map
- Import .csv files with location data (x,y, address) on to map
- Import Shapefiles on to an ArcGIS.com map
- Learn how to share a map via email, Facebook, Twitter or by embedding it into own website.

2. Introduction to GIS — Dates: March 11 - 13, 2013; 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM - Registration Fee: \$750

Summary: This three-day hands-on computer course provides an introduction to the capabilities of GIS. Using ESRI's ArcGIS 10.1®, software, we teach the fundamentals of working with GIS data, how to query a GIS database, edit spatial and attribute data and how to present data using maps, reports, and graphs. We also work extensively with the [Rhode Island Geographic Information System \(RIGIS\)](http://Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS)) database.

All students receive hands-on software instruction, course books with exercises with accompanying training data. Upon successful completion of the course, students receive a **URI Certificate of Course Completion**. Classes are taught at URI's Kingston campus.

Requirements: Participants should be comfortable working in a windows environment. Please visit ESRI's training website and try this free course on [Getting Started with GIS \(for ArcGIS 10\)](http://Getting Started with GIS (for ArcGIS 10)) This will provide you with a comprehensive introduction to the topics that will be covered in the three-day course.

Topics Covered:

- Geospatial data types: storage and management
- Introduction to the ArcMap interface: toolbars, pop-up / drop-down menu
- How to display, symbolize, label geospatial data
- Using ArcGIS.com basemaps and other internet map services
- Printing and exporting maps
- Creating and Editing geospatial data
- How to perform attribute and spatial queries
- Creating X,Y location data, spatial analysis (overlay)
- Accessing the RIGIS data catalog

For more information and to register online, please visit: <http://geospatial.uri.edu/training/>

University of Rhode Island GIS Training



Blizzard Nemo Update: Workshop rescheduled!!

Registration cost: \$99 per workshop. [Registration form](#)
All workshops meet 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Room 329

PowerPoint & Graphics, Tuesday, April 16, 2012

- **PowerPoint:** Slide Master, Enhancements, Customizations, ClipArt, Transitions, Animation, and Links.
- **Graphics:** SmartArt Diagrams, ClipArt & WordArt, Shadow and 3-D effects, Customizations, and Watermarks.

URI Feinstein Providence Campus, 80 Washington Street, Providence, RI

- All workshops use the Microsoft Office 2010 setting.
- Handouts are filled with shortcuts, step-by-step guides/tips and include instructions for Office 2010, 2007, and 2003.

Free parking at the RI Convention Center Parking Garage.

Each participant will receive a **Certificate of Completion** for the workshop.

Please visit our webpage: [Professional Development Workshops](#)

Interested in having our workshops on site at your organization? Contact me for more details.

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2013 Land & Water Conservation Summit

Saturday, March 9, 7:45 am – 4:30 pm
URI Memorial Union, Kingston Campus

Registration Required – Cost \$40 early registration (ends Feb 22), This is the Summit's 10th Anniversary!

See the Full Program with Workshop Descriptions at: www.landandwaterpartnership.org

Keynote: Steve Archibald - Not a storyteller? Perhaps it's time to reconsider!

Plus: Special performance (for adults) by Award winning Singer-Songwriter Bill Harley

The Summit offers 30 great workshops for land trust, watershed organization and conservation commission leaders.

A sample of workshop topics include: Fundraising, Funding stormwater solutions, Creative strategies for protecting farmland, Dealing with vandalism, and Storytelling ... to advance your work and build support for your organization.

Click here for the full Land & Water Conservation Summit Program – workshop descriptions & on-line registration

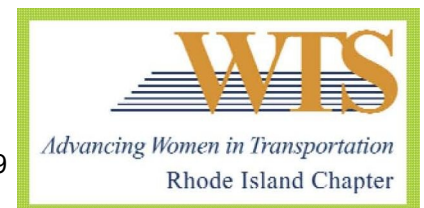
The Summit IS the best opportunity each year for community leaders, board members and volunteers involved in land and water conservation to learn new "how to" information & to network with other conservation leaders from around the state.

Registration is limited so register now.

WTS-Rhode Island Annual Billiards Event

Please join ASCE-RI Younger Member Group and WTS-Rhode Island for a night of billiards and networking at Snookers Lounge in Providence, RI on Tuesday, March 19 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. There will be complimentary appetizers and reserved pool tables. To register for this event please contact Anita Marshall at 401-222-2023 Ext.

4044 or wtsrhodeisland@gmail.com by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, March 12. For the Billiards flyer, click http://www.wtsinternational.org/assets/80/22/WTS-RI_March_2013_Billiards_Event_flyer1.pdf



URI Landscape Architecture Lectures 2013

February 21 **Stephen Stimson, FASLA**, Stephen Stimson Associates, Cambridge, MA

- Title: "*Yankee Ingenuity: Place-Making in the Regional Landscape*"
- Title: "*Designing the Visitor's Experience at the New York Botanical Gardens*"
- Title: "*Shape of Time*"

April 25 **Elizabeth Mossop, FASLA**, Professor, LSU*

Title: '*Urban Landscape Infrastructure and Coastal Resiliency*'

Lectures begin at 7:00 P.M. and are held in the Weaver Auditorium on the Kingston Campus of URI. The series is co-sponsored by the URI Office of Vice President for Administration and Finance, College of the Environment and Life Sciences, the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, Rhode Island Chapter of the American Planning Association, and the Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association. *The talk by Elizabeth Mossop is being sponsored by the URI Coastal Institute. All lectures are free and open to the public. The lecture hall is handicapped accessible. General questions about the series may be directed to 874-2983. For Directions - <http://www.uri.edu/ce/wq/OWT/Directions/index.htm>

Writing Sound Decisions

An Advanced, One-Evening Course for Municipal Planners, Legal Staff and Boards and Commissions

The Grow Smart RI Land Use Training Collaborative will offer the one-night training in Barrington at Town Hall, Town Council Chambers on Thursday, March 28, 2013 from 5:30pm until 9:00pm (including a light dinner).

Writing Sound Decisions is designed to help municipal planners, legal staff and boards and commissions write decisions whose content will hold up in court and whose clarity will make them readily understandable for both enforcement officers and property owners. It is specifically intended to address the problem, noted repeatedly in recent Superior Court and Supreme Court decisions, that written decisions coming out of municipal planning boards and zoning boards do not explain how the evidence contained in the record led the board to reach its conclusions. Taught by Rhode Island land-use attorney Nancy Letendre, the program is grounded in Rhode Island law and cites recent Rhode Island Superior and Supreme Court decisions. The workshop handbook provides both a summary of material covered in the workshop and appendices that include templates for simple decisions, examples of appropriate content for more complex decisions and a glossary of terms. The workshop culminates in a hands-on writing exercise. The total training fee is \$30.00; the fee covers training, training manual, and a light supper. The Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust provides registration fee assistance for Trust members for this training.

Advance registration by Friday, March 14th is required.

Registration will be closed once capacity has been reached. For full information go to www.growsmartri.org or contact Jodi Castallo, Training Coordinator, jcastallo@growsmartri.org or 401-273-5711 ext. 6.

News from the RIHPHC

The R.I. Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission presents "Preservation Works"--the 28th Annual R.I. Statewide Historic Preservation Conference on Saturday, April 27 in West Warwick. This day-long conference showcases the latest projects and issues in historic preservation from around the state and celebrates the Town of West Warwick's centennial. The program includes 13 lectures and workshops on local and statewide topics as well as 11 bus, walking, and bicycle tours of the Pawtuxet River Valley, from rural hamlets to mill villages. CM credits should be available for planners are pending final approval, and CEUs are available for architects.

To see the conference program, visit www.preservation.ri.gov/conference/.

The registration fee is \$40 (includes lunch and snacks throughout the day). Registration by mail before April 17 is strongly encouraged.

Announcing a Two-Day Workshop - Planning for Meaningful Evaluation sponsored by The Narragansett Bay Research Reserve Coastal Training Program and Grow Smart RI Land Use Training Collaborative

Thursday, April 4 and Friday, April 5, 2013
Registration: 8:00am Workshop: 8:30am - 4:30pm

The Foundry

235 Promenade Street, Suite 300, Providence, RI

Note: Parking is available in the visitor lot at the corner of Holden and Promenade Street.



GrowSmartRI
Sustainable Economic Growth
& Quality of Place

Overview

Planning for Meaningful Evaluation will improve your ability to design a project or program evaluation that is efficient, effective and yields meaningful results. Participants will complete a draft evaluation plan for one of their own projects.

Each participant's program or project will be the basis for course activities. Therefore, sending more than one representative from the program or project can improve the quality of the evaluation plan, augment the transfer of skills and increase the probability of implementation in the workplace. Participants will critically analyze their evaluation priorities and address the myriad of issues that can hamper evaluation efforts and undermine the usefulness of evaluation results. Participants will also gain insights on data collection, analysis options, and reporting considerations.

Please Note:

This workshop requires previous training in the development and use of logic models. You may attend if you have attended NOAA's Project Design and Evaluation workshop, **or** you have completed other training in the development and use of logic models, **or** you take the free online training available at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/lmcourse/>. *Participants will be required to bring a logic model of the program or project they intend to evaluate.*

Registration Information

Registration is just \$25 which will cover lunch and refreshments for the two days. Seating is limited and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. To register, fill out the survey monkey form at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/evaluationregistration> by March 25, 2013.